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Winona State College of Business achieves accreditation



Amy Brinkman
Winonan

On April 6, 2011, the Winona State University College of Business (COB) received accreditation from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

(AACSB) International.




Accreditation from AACSB is recognized as one of the most distinguished designations for excellence in schools of business and accounting. According to AACSB, only 620 schools worldwide have achieved this accreditation.

Winona State now joins the University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State University, Minnesota State University Mankato, University of Wisconsin La Crosse, and several other Minnesota and Wisconsin universities on the list.

Achieving AACSB accreditation ensures that business schools meet high quality standards and prepare students for success in real business environments upon graduation, based upon evaluation in three main categories: Strategic Standards,

Participants Standards, and Assurance of Learning Standards. Essentially, these standards relate to the COB mission, vision and objectives; faculty and students; and learning goals, respectively.

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Understanding the reason for the silence on campus

Jo Harren
Winonan

Winona State University students used an unlikely tool in their mission to raise awareness for the Gay-Lesbian-Bi-Transsexual (GLBT) community on Friday.

That weapon of choice was silence.

When asked why they remained speechless throughout the day, students like GLBT Alliance Winona Partnership President Jessica Ernst presented cards that read similar to this:

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence; a national youth movement bringing attention to the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies.

My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which

is caused by anti-GLBT bullying, name-calling and harassment. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward building awareness and making a commitment to address these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today."

Ernst was helped organize the Day of Silence on the Winona State campus including a bake sale and breaking of the silence in a gathering at the gazebo at 3 p.m.

She also helped organize the Night of Noise Friday evening, which included live music by Adja and a social hour with drinks and snacks at the end.

"Here we get to tell our stories if we want," Ernst said. "We get to share our feelings and our pain. And pain shared is pain lessened."

Winona State professor Jamie Meyers was a guest speaker at the Night of Noise.

Meyers spoke to about 40 Winona State students about her experience of coming out to her mother about being transsexual.

She said that she has taken

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Jessica Ernst
Partnership President

part in the Day of Silence for five years and the silence presents a strong statement of the silence the GLBT community faces in equality recognition.

Meyers said, "Breaking the silence with boisterous shouts of joy and celebration is a way to symbolize our hope that marginalization and

oppression of our community will some day come to an end."

Ernst said this is her third year taking part in the Day of Silence, but the first year Winona State has hosted a Night of Noise. She said she was thrilled with the outcome.

"Winona is a small town but there is plenty of bullying and it is just to bring awareness. It means a lot to me that these events keep going and growing," Ernst said. "We have to show everyone that we won't be silent any longer! That the bullying, name-calling, using 'that's so gay' has to come to an end."

Winona State student Jeremy Ertl participated for the second year on Friday.

"Each year, I'm surprised by how many people who do participate, just because they are giving up their voice for that day," he said. "I do usually get a few friends to participate

and I'm always really proud when they pull it off."

Ertl said the Day of Silence is more than just a statement.

"I also get to show the surrounding community what would happen if there was no GLBT community," he said.

Ernst had one last message to the GLBT community: "This is a message of hope to everyone out there who has been or is being silenced. Keep your head up."

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Winona State presents Winona Symphony Orchestra May 1

The Winona State University Department of Music will present the Winona Symphony Orchestra in its final concert of the season at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1, on the Main Stage, Performing Arts Center.

Under the leadership of music director Donald Lovejoy, the orchestra will perform a concert of celebratory music by Wolfgang Mozart, Joseph Haydn, Gustav Holst and Maurice Ravel.

The program will open with the overture to Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro," which premiered May 1, 1786. This will be followed by a performance of Franz Joseph Haydn's "Concerto for Violoncello in C Major," with cello soloist Paul Vance. This concerto was written for the

principal cellist of the Esterhazy court orchestra shortly after Haydn was hired as the court composer on May 1, 1761.

In the second half of the program the orchestra will again feature cellist Paul Vance, this time in a performance of Gustav Holst's hauntingly beautiful "Invocation" (premiered on May 2, 1911). The concert will end with a performance of Maurice Ravel's "Le Tombeau de Couperin," a work based upon the keyboard music of 17th-century French composer Francois Couperin. Each movement is dedicated to individual friends of Ravel who were killed during World War I. Rather than sad and sorrowful, the work is reflective and often light-hearted. When Ravel was asked why he didn't

write something more somber he replied, "The dead are sad enough, in their eternal silence."

There will be a pre-concert talk by Lovejoy at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students, and are available at Hardt's Music, 115 E. Third Street in Winona, or at the door.

For more information, call Lovejoy at 507-457-5257.

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Spruce Up Winona has impressive turnout despite weather

Berndan Moore
Winonan

This past Thursday, the weather didn't cooperate for the 2011 Spruce Up Winona.

Spruce Up Winona is a response to a request for a day set aside to clean up the streets of Winona that Winona State University president Judith Ramaley made after her inauguration in 2006.

Winona State students along with students from Saint Mary's University and Southeast Technical College get together to pick trash that litters the streets of Winona.

This year more than 200 students from Winona State

volunteered to take part in the event.

"There has been a lot of student involvement this year," Vikki English, Winona State's community liaison, said.

Rain that started early Thursday morning put a slight damper on the day's events. While English hoped people would go out in light rain, because of where the event falls in the academic year, she said wouldn't blame students for not going.

Because the timing of the event is so close to finals and the Student Spring Break Day, English said the event would not be rescheduled.

"If it's light rain and the

students want to go out, great," English said. "If it's really heavy rain... who can work in that?"

In the end, more than 40 clubs took part in the event. The sociology club and environmental club, which participate Vikki English's adopt-a-block program, volunteered to keep a block of Winona clean throughout the year, in addition to the one-day event.

"They take responsibility usually about once a month to clean up trash on a particular block," English said. "Just to be good neighbors."

Clubs have allowed for a four-block radius around

campus to be cleaned as part of the event, in addition to the downtown area that is usually the focus of Spruce up Winona.

The downtown area is usually selected because it's the center of a significant amount of activity in Winona.

Some student groups volunteered to clean up on April 18 instead, because they were unable to participate in the event on April 14.

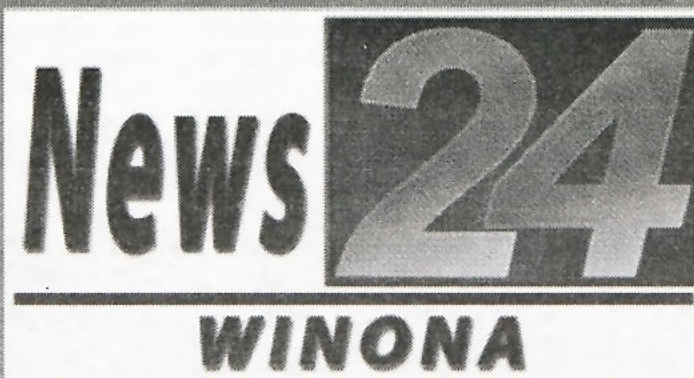
As an added bonus, T-shirts were made for those taking part in the event. English said the shirts were designed by Winona State sophomore Cody Lightfuss.

"I know students really like the T-shirts, and I'll my best to

do it. But I can't guarantee it for next year," said English.

While T-shirts have been given to participants in the past, Winona State budget issues may make 2011 the last year the shirts will be available.

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- ***Find out what locals did to celebrate Earth Day and give back to the community***

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BUSINESS

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The official AACSB review process began five years ago, but Winona State's College of Business began preparing for accreditation in 1984, when the college voted to proceed with accreditation, according to Professor Mark Young, of the COB marketing department. Young was one of the lead faculty members involved in the accreditation process.

It has really been "a progression through the years," Young said. "The change of administration really helped us focus on achieving this goal." Since 1984, the college has spent significant time preparing for accreditation, which included hiring faculty that met had appropriate qualifications and developing curriculum that would meet the AACSB standards.

Young credits supportive administration and faculty and continued interaction with the

business community as reasons why the COB was successful in achieving accreditation.

The COB accreditation committee was comprised of members of the Faculty Advisory Board, Student Advisory Board and Business Advisory Board. It was important to have all parties involved in the process, Young said, because it ensures that the committee acts in the best interests of students and the business community.

Emily Thoen, a business student and chairperson of the Student Advisory Board, said that student input was very important to the college committee and AACSB evaluators. College of Business Dean Murphy gave the Student Advisory Board bi-weekly updates about the accreditation process, Thoen said. AACSB evaluators surveyed students on "what we liked [about

the college], what could be improved, our level of involvement, and the quality of education," she said.

Achieving accreditation is a great benefit to the College of Business, Winona State, and students, Young said. AACSB accreditation is like "putting a brand name on a product," he said. "It is an overall symbol of quality. It says what we are doing is in line with the best practices for business students."

Thoen finds great value in graduating from an accredited college. "Going to an accredited business school looks great [on a job application]," she said. "[To work some places] it is even required."

Young also sees how regional businesses find the accreditation attractive. They usually have their own industry standards, he said. They understand the idea that there are outside bodies that audit groups, and

successful audits mean high quality results, he said.

The accreditation will undoubtedly be a positive aspect when recruiting students to the business programs at Winona State as well.

Further, achieving accreditation shows the community, students and parents that they are getting a positive return on investment for their money, Young said. "Accreditation can play an important role," Young said. "It is a way of looking at an intangible service and saying that is it is actually worth the resources that people are spending on it."

The work does not stop now that accreditation has been achieved. Part of the benefit of accreditation comes with ensuring that the college continues to improve and evolve with the standards set by other schools and AACSB.

In order to uphold their accreditation, the COB must submit annual reports each year. After the fourth year, the COB must evaluate itself on its progress and a team of AACSB evaluators will visit Winona State to validate the college's success. It will then decide whether to extend accreditation for another five years.

While it has taken many years to achieve accreditation, Young knows that accreditation is a never-ending test of improvement and success. "It's a journey, not a destination," he said.

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UPAC Finals Stress Busters

April 26:

No Strings Attached" showing in Somsen Auditorium at 6:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m

April 27:

Mechanical Bull in the courtyard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with free hot dogs and root beer keg!

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Amanda Rehrauer
Winonan

You'd think two years of being a reporter for the Winonan would be good preparation for being news editor.

Boy was I ever wrong. Every week I'm faced with seven blank pages. Not just a blank page in Microsoft Word. Seven. Blank. InDesign. Pages.

And every week I'm baffled that I'm actually able to fill them.

It's been quite the challenge this year, scrambling to find briefs and write stories on deadline.

It's one thing to scramble to meet a deadline as a reporter, but as an editor, it's a whole different ball game.

As any mass communication major would tell you, it's tough finding stories in small-town Winona.

But somehow, my reporters and fellow editors pull together every week to fill these ominously blank pages with words and headlines and stories that hopefully matter to our campus and community.

Even though there's been plenty of Mondays I just wanted to throw my towel in and curl up in bed at home with a pint of Ben and Jerry's, in the end I wouldn't have traded them for the world.

There's a silver lining to every cloud, and our silver lining here in Winona is that we actually get the chance to do a little bit of everything and experience the "real world" for how it will be in, oh, three weeks or so.

The experience of scrambling to fill pages and meet my deadlines has been invaluable,

and the friendships and laughs had every Monday along the way have been priceless.

As I sit here writing my final story under the Winonan byline, it's hard to believe this semester - and the past four years - have gone by so quickly.

But all good things must come to an end, as they say, and hopefully I can take my experience here and translate it to bigger and better things someday.

My advice to you, dear reader: take every opportunity you have and run with it.

You never know when you've passed up a good opportunity disguised as a bad one until it's too late, and you never know when your byline might be your last.

So thanks to my incredible co-editors Ali, Nina, Alyssa and Jordon for taking me in halfway through the year and making my Monday nights this year both more bearable and unforgettable, and here's a good luck to our editors next year.

Know that while the task ahead of you may seem daunting, it is what you make of it, and no matter what, know you can handle it.

Stay tuned until next year, readers, because you've got a great year ahead of Winonan reading ahead of you.

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Security Incidents

April 13

8:30 p.m. A student was cited for an alcohol violation in the New Center West. Matter was referred to the Hall Director.

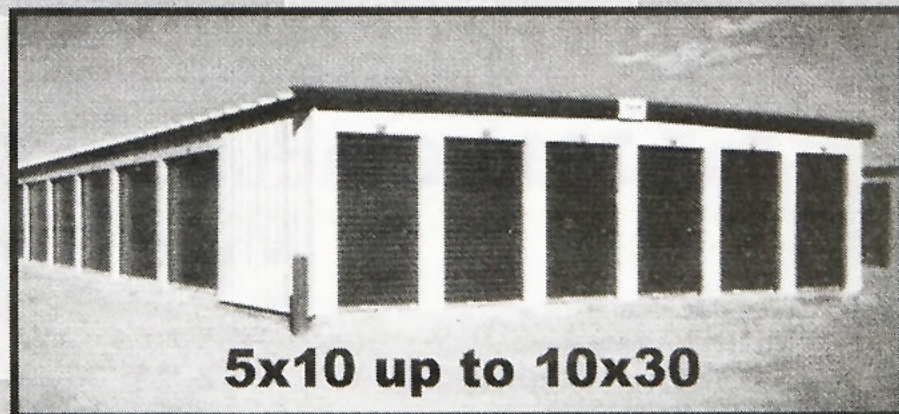
April 14

A student reported being harassed by another student on campus. Matter was referred to Security and the Affirmative Action Officer.

April 15

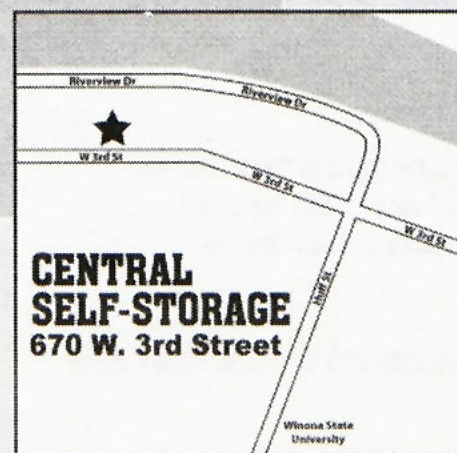
1:10 a.m. WSU Security notified law enforcement of an argument between several individuals just off campus. Police arrived and one person was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant.

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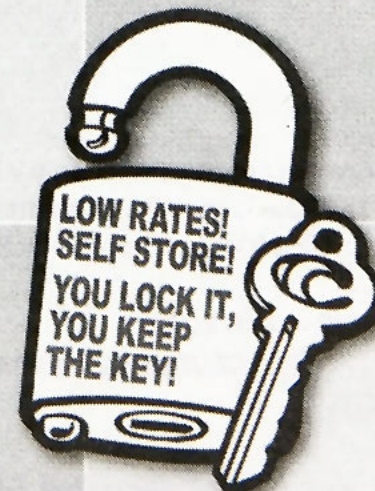


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Did you rent any of your textbooks this semester from the Winona State University Bookstore? The WSU Bookstore wants to remind students that rental material must be returned no later than 5 p.m., Friday May 6th. The Bookstore will set up a return counter down by the Bookstore entrance for your convenience. After May 6, students will be charged the non-return replacement cost, along with a \$25 processing fee for each rental item as stated on your receipt. Textbooks need to come back in condition as stated on your rental agreement. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Winona State University Bookstore prior to May 6th.

This spring was the first semester students were able to

select from 200 available rental titles from the Winona State University Bookstore. Students rented 1203 new textbooks and 943 used textbooks saving from \$15 to \$98 per copy. The Bookstore has worked with the Student Senate to ensure student issues were addressed and the process was student friendly. The Bookstore hopes students will continue to inform them of their needs. The rental program is scheduled to expand for Fall 2011 term.

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What's Happening Around Winona State...

Wednesday 04/20	"Evolvere" Senior Art Show Time: All Day Place: Watkins Gallery Contact: Kathy Peterson 507-457-2913	Campus of Trees Authors at Winona State Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Place: Solarium of Kryzsko Contact: Tom Grier 507-457-5239	Baseball vs. Concordia University Time: 1:30 p.m. Place: Loughrey Field Contact: Grant Wall GWall@winona.edu
Thursday 04/21	Take Back the Night! Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Place: Alumni Gazebo Contact: Sejal Dave SDave06@winona.edu	America's Great Rivers Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Place: Minnesota Marine Art Museum	No classes!
Friday 04/22	Student Spring Break Day Time: All Day Place: Everywhere	"Evolvere" Senior Art Show Ends Time: All Day Place: Watkins Gallery Contact: Kathy Peterson 507-457-2913	Softball vs. Northern State Time: Noon Place: Winona Contact: Grant Wall GWall@winona.edu
Saturday 04/23	Softball vs. University of Mary Time: 12:00 p.m. Place: Winona Contact: Grant Wall GWall@winona.edu	Sunday 04/24	Happy Easter!
Monday 04/25	Astronomy Observatory Open Time: 8 to 10 p.m. Place: 3rd floor, Minne Hall Contact: Jennifer Anderson 507-457-2457	WSU ViewFinder Photo Contest Submission Deadline Time: 11:59 p.m. Submit email to webcomm@winona.edu	Winona Reads! Author Kent Kreuger Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Place: Winona County Historical Society Contact: www.winona.lib.mn.us
Tuesday 04/26	2011 Employee Recognition Time: 1:30 p.m. Place: Student Activity Center, Kryzsko Commons Contact: Robin Delong 507-457-5280	America's Great Rivers: Students Admitted Free Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Place: Minnesota Marine Art Museum Contact: 507-474-6626	<div> Have an event you'd like to see here? Let us know! E-mail Ali at winonan@winona.edu </div>

The attachment of friends in any place or situation

Molly Barrett
Winonan

After an especially crazy party I attended this past weekend (dressed as a cat, no less) (which would be a whole other opinion article entirely), I realized just how many different kinds of friends I possess in my "circle". And how many of these people aren't actually my friends at all, but rather people I run into almost every Friday or Saturday night, after both of us have consumed alcoholic beverages, and make us "friends" enough to shout things like "I love you girl" and "We totally need to hang out. Like really. Like actually hang out." And then I see this "friend" on campus, and I realize as they avert their eyes just how little they remember about the conversation.

So this brings me to discuss "the drunk friend". Regardless of whether or not you drink, you are bound to have them. The people you only end up hanging out with in party settings, who, regardless of whether or not you have ever had an actual meaningful conversation, will end up attaching themselves to you like your favorite waterproof eyeliner and finding things you

have in common. Your choice of drink is often the first thing they comment on. "Oh my God. I love Ron Diaz. You drink rum too?!! Why have we never hung out before?". This question leads you into another rant about how you cannot believe that you have never run into this other person before; how you cannot believe that they too, like the same band that just had a packed show the weekend before, and OMG no way, they attend Winona State just like me!!

The drunk friend will be a welcome face to view on those Friday and Saturday nights (and sometimes during the week too). However, the awkwardness from the drunk friend comes when you spot them on campus Monday morning. Shit, what was her name again? I could swear he looked different at that party... maybe that's not him. But he's looking right at me. Avert eye contact, walk away.

Maybe this stems from my ability to feel awkward in almost any situation, but I find this strategy to be the most helpful to my less-than-outgoing personality.

The drunk friend will also be a hilarious addition to your Sunday mornings at 5 a.m.,

where you share a meaningful conversation over grapes and a bottle of rum, only to have that bottle of rum spilled on your bed where you spend your (later) Sunday morning trying everything from a hair dryer to Febreze to get the smell out of your mattress.

In order to not sound like a total party girl and alcoholic, I will now talk about another type of friend: the mooch.

The mooch is a lovable friend that you know you can't live without. Maybe they tell awesome jokes. Maybe they read the same awesome novels as you. Hell, maybe they'd go out on a limb and do almost anything for you. However, where the mooch friend gets tricky is when they literally start depleting you of all of your resources. They will borrow clothes, only to be given back months later when you forgot you had them at all. They will bum cigarettes, shots out of your bottle, Coke from your fridge, a ride to the mall, your first born child, etc. The mooch is the hardest friend to deal with, as because they are so nice you can neither A) tell them to kindly F off, or B) stop hanging out with them altogether. The best way to go about dealing with them is to

simply stop having the things they so desire for free. "Sorry, Sally. I'm becoming a nudist. I only drink water out of the sink and I've given up smoking and drinking in favor of a completely monk lifestyle!". They can't argue with that, after all, they are your friend, and friends stick with you through everything. Right?

The third type of friend I choose to comment on is the one-upper. They will story top you to the point of oblivion, when you actually start to think that you have no original thoughts to contribute.

You like a band? They were at their first show. You like a novel? They've read every title by the author. You once had a crazy night where you slept in the back of a tour bus and stayed up till sunrise trading stories with strangers? They dated all of those strangers. The one-upper is always ready to try to be the best, say the coolest thing, and tell the best story. The best strategy for them? Screw it. There's literally no way to get them to calm down, and the best you can do is admit defeat and walk away. There comes a time when you have to realize your stories and life goals have value, too. Just not necessarily when they're around.

After re-living these different types of friends and acquaintances, I can say it makes me a little sad that this year is ending. I'm excited to finally be spending my summer in Winona, and God only knows how many more of these friends I will make. As a final sign off from this year of writing opinion articles for the Winonan, I can honestly say it has been a wonderful experience sharing my thoughts with all of the readers. So, watch out for the drunk friends, stay safe, and keep reading.

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"Genetically Vacant" by Jo Severson

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ETC.

Handing in the keys to the office and saying goodbye

Ali Carlson
Winonan

After the next 16 days are complete, it will be time to put an ending date for the Winonan on my resume and hand in the keys to the office.

My final semester at Winona State University is coming to an end and I can't believe that these two years have gone by so quickly.

After receiving the Editor-in-Chief position from Alyx Minor shortly after I transferred to Winona State from Kirkwood Community College, it has been a great honor to have my name associated with the title.

Though it has been a challenge, it was nothing that I had not experienced in the past but I came ready for it again. I had learned the basics from the staff before and had known what was expected, who to contact and other need-to-know information.



From covering sports, photography, editing pages and even selling advertisements it has been a long, and many times stressful, year.

Having a semester packed with classes, a senior capstone, the Winonan and life in general, it has been one of those times that you realize it will be the preparation for the upcoming years.

I guess in the end, if I could do it again, I would. There are many parts of it that I enjoyed after completing the 48 issues under the Winonan name. Now that I think of it, it seems like I have sat in the office more than 48 Monday nights.

For those that have sat in the office the long nights, it has been great to experience the behind the scenes feel. The company of others in the same positions makes it much more enjoyable.

Whether sitting at our computers hours on end, watching the Twins or Brewers game (even though the Cubs should be the ones watched), or other activities, it is one of the times that I love the most.

So for those of you who are reading this right now—

thank you. It has been a great experience working for the Winonan and getting to know people on a more personal level. There is something different about knowing a professor in the classroom and then being able to talk to them outside the classroom.

During this semester I have been able to work with some great people, whether coaches and athletes to friends and faculty, it has made the transition to Winona much easier.

One thing I have learned working at the Winonan this year is: Be patient and learn to organize yourself throughout the year. At this time, it may not get much easier—but it is all up to the individual.

Something I have taken away from the experience of having multiple positions on campus, along with other activities that I am involved with, is that it is all worth it in the end. Whether the time with friends (who many times you are with everyday) or spending a crazy amount of hours in the office for whatever reason, it will all pay off.

We only live these times

once and while I had the chance I wanted to make the most of it. There have been the people that have seen me stressed and on little sleep but then they see me when I am enjoying myself, most the time it is covering an athletic event or hanging out with friends.

So as I sit here with the all senior editor staff, we know that the completely new editor staff is ready to jump into the positions and continue to take the Winonan in the right direction. It is sad to know that I will not be back in the fall to talk sports with Nina Steffel, bounce ideas off of Alyssa Pederson, talk Glee with Amanda Rehrauer or watch games in the office with Jordon. Thank you guys for making the Winonan one of the best in the past years. I could not have done it without you.

Also, thank you Winona State for the memories and the support. Also, thank you to everyone that had a part in making my time here a great success.

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Nice chat: Three months to remember

Jordon Eder
Winonan

As a copy editor for the Winonan I have been blessed with the opportunity to read every article that has been published. Well, for the last 10 issues anyway.

On January 31, I started my career at the Winonan as copy editor. As a copy editor I was faced with many difficult



tasks. But none have been more difficult than trying to find something to write about for my farewell article.

So, with that being said I thought it would be nice for you all to hear a little about who I am, seeing I never wrote an introduction article. Here we go. I'm from a small town in Wisconsin called Bloomer. One cool fact about Bloomer is that it is the Jump Rope Capital of the World. I have two brothers, Justin and Josh. Justin is 23 and will be getting married on New Years Eve. Josh is 19 and is the father to a beautiful 18-month year old girl named Nadia. My parents

are Jeff and Vicky and have been married for 23 years. I'm in my last two weeks of college and will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications- Advertising and a Marketing minor.

If you want to know what I will be doing after I graduate, your guess is as good as mine. With the possibilities endless and the future unknown, I will join the thousands of people who are unemployed in the job search.

Will I miss college? Yes. Am I happy to be done? Yes. Although it is bittersweet, I will always be able to remember college as a time

where I grew not only as a student but also as a person.

So when I walk across the stage on graduation day, May 6, I will be taking not just a diploma with me, but four years worth of great memories, as well as 3 months of the best job in the world, copy editor for the Winonan.

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Members of the blues group Circle of Heat performed April 16 at Acoustic Cafe in downtown Winona as part of the second annual Midwest Music Fest.

Review: Midwest Music Fest features variety of talent

Molly Barrett
Winonan

This past weekend, the Midwest Music Fest brought Winona together to share in the love for one thing: music.

According to the website, midwestmusicfest.org, "The purpose of Midwest Music Fest is to strengthen Winona's community through music."

"MWMF will serve as an artistic outlet for more than 100 local and regional artists. It will also serve the community by raising funds for three local non-profits."

The three non-profits that the ticket sales benefit are Kids First Winona, Fine Arts Commission and the Winona

Arts Center.

Tickets were sold for the MWMF on campus in the days leading up to it and were also available at Midtown Foods for \$25.

These tickets were an "all-access pass," which meant that one ticket could get you into any MWMF event, at any venue.

Many of the venues were already popular hangout spots for students in Winona, including Ed's bar, Blooming Grounds, Acoustic Cafe, Blue Heron and Jefferson's.

I decided to attend three acts, all on Saturday night. The first act I went to was at Acoustic Cafe, where Circle of Heat was playing.

I had never heard of the band before, but they were definitely my favorite act of the night.

The overall sound was very beachy, and reminded me of a cross between Cold War Kids and Minus the Bear.

They sang all original songs, which seemed to resonate with the packed room of people attending the show.

The second act that I attended was at the Blue Heron, where Dietz Parker was playing.

He played mostly covers of popular bands like U2, the Gorillaz and Coldplay.

The Blue Heron was also packed full of people, which I wasn't expecting on a Saturday night.

The last act I attended was

at Jefferson's, and it definitely had a different crowd from the last two acts I attended.

The crowd was mostly older people, and the band, called The Northwoods Band, would be most comparable to soulful singers like John Legend.

The most interesting part of the night was definitely when a man, dressed like Gandalf, complete with an outfit made of different colored rags and a hat fashioned out of what looked like a paper plate, started dancing in the middle of Jefferson's.

"When that happens, I think it's time to go," my friend Brad told me, as we ventured out of the venue, a little confused but definitely having enjoyed

ourselves.

After seeing only three bands perform live for the MWMF, I really wish I would have taken more time out of my schedule to see more bands at more venues this past weekend.

I definitely want to check out volunteering for the MWMF next year. Midwest Music Fest is a growingly popular event among Winona State students, as well as members of the community who love and appreciate live music from local artists supporting local causes.

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Listen Up: Play it or Pass it?

'All Time Low' gives listeners a reason to dance

Rachel Underbakke
Winonan

After watching a live DVD of a Blink-182 performance, four teenagers from Baltimore, Md., decided to start a pop-punk band that grew into something much larger than they ever imagined.

After over a year in the studio, their first major label album is set to be released June 7 and the first single from the album was released April 5 to very mixed reviews.

All Time Low formed in 2003 while freshmen in high school. Consisting of Alex Gaskarth (lead singer and guitarist), Jack Barakat (guitarist), Rian Dawson (drummer) and Zack Merrick (bassist), the four started as a Blink-182 cover band but quickly became hometown heroes.

After gaining a lot of attention from the local music scene in Baltimore, All Time Low signed their first record deal with Emerald Moon Records in 2004.

The band released their first Extended Play, titled *The Three Words to Remember in Dealing with the End* later that year. This album is virtually impossible to find now, but a few copies do still exist.

Their first studio album, *The Party Scene*, was released in July 2005. Before they were about to graduate high school in 2006, the band was presented with a record deal on the independent label, Hopeless Records.

The reality of making it in the industry quickly slapped the boys in the face and they were forced to make the decision of trying to make it in the music industry, or taking the typical route of going away to college.

The band signed their record

deal on Valentine's Day of their senior year and were signed to Hopeless up until very recently.

The band re-recorded several songs from their debut album and included two new songs for their EP *Put Up or Shut Up*. The EP is filled with pop-punk guitar riffs and tongue in cheek lyrics, introducing the band and making people quickly fall in love with them.

Once the band inked their record deal, Hopeless sent the band on a busy touring schedule, and they haven't stopped touring since.

In 2007 they released their second studio album *So Wrong, It's Right*, shooting the band into the MTV scene with the success of the second single from the album, "Dear Maria, Count Me In," which was written about a stripper from their hometown.

On March 9, 2011 the song achieved gold status without ever earning radio play.

While the song is their most well known song to date for All Time Low and was plastered all over MTV, the band has never fully reached mainstream status.

In January 2009, the band went back into the studio to begin recording their next album. In an interview, the band revealed they had collaborated with artists and producers to co-write a number of songs on the record, something they had never done previously.

The band received a lot of heat for co-writing songs, which quickly put them into the category of "selling out." The accusations simmered down once the first single from the album "Weightless" dropped on March 24, 2009 to very high reviews.

Nothing Personal was released July 7, 2009, which



debuted at No. 4 and sold 63,000 copies, becoming the group's best sales week and highest charting album to date. Nothing Personal is the best representation of the band to date, in my opinion.

It shows how fun and sarcastic this band is. With endless tongue in cheek lyrics and a music video for "Weightless" that ends showing signs pointed to all of the band members that says "loser," it shows that the band doesn't care if you love them or hate them, as long as you are talking about them.

This band formed simply to create music that they love, and that idea has always stayed with them and their music.

After the success of *Nothing Personal*, the band decided to release a live DVD, showing backstage footage and scenes from their live concert in New York City.

The DVD showed all of the members discussing how the band formed, footage of the band when they originally formed, and gave viewers a little peak into the members lives and their lives on the road

as a touring band.

In November 2009 the band had signed to major label Interscope Records and began recording their first major label album in March 2010.

Alex began leaking lyrics and a song titled "Actors" on his blog in order to build hype for the new record release. While performing a show one night on tour, Alex accidentally told the eager crowd that the new album would be titled "Dirty Work."

While the record was initially rumored to be released in January 2011, it got pushed back several times due to Interscope "reconstruction" and was finally confirmed to be released June 7, 2011.

The band set out on the "Dirty Work" tour, which started in the UK early 2011. The US leg of the tour started in March, even though the album won't release until the tour is over.

The first single for the album, "I Feel Like Dancin'" was release April 5th to very mixed reviews. The song was written with Rivers Cuomo, the lead singer of Weezer.

While the song does have a

solid rock feel to it, the lyrics are very pop oriented and the song was clearly produced simply to make people dance.

While many think this song makes it clear that All Time Low has "sold out," I completely disagree.

This band has always been known as the party band, and they have never claimed to be anything else.

They have been very upfront about their new album and the fact that they want this album to be all over the radio.

Their goal with this record was to reach out to a larger audience and change the face of radio, getting more rock and pop-punk bands into the mainstream.

The single is available on iTunes and I would personally highly recommend it. It is a song I could see be played at every college party and every radio station, simply because it is an up-beat, fun song that you can't help but dance to every time you hear it.

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Winona State University will host the authors of the book "Campus of Trees: Winona State University," Tom Grier and Bill Meyer, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Alumni Gazebo, Winona State Main Campus.

Grier and Meyer will be available to sign books and answer questions.

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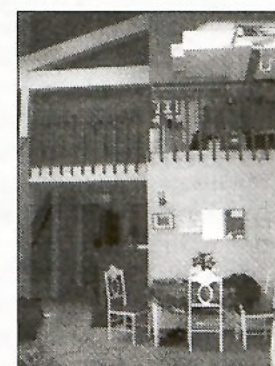
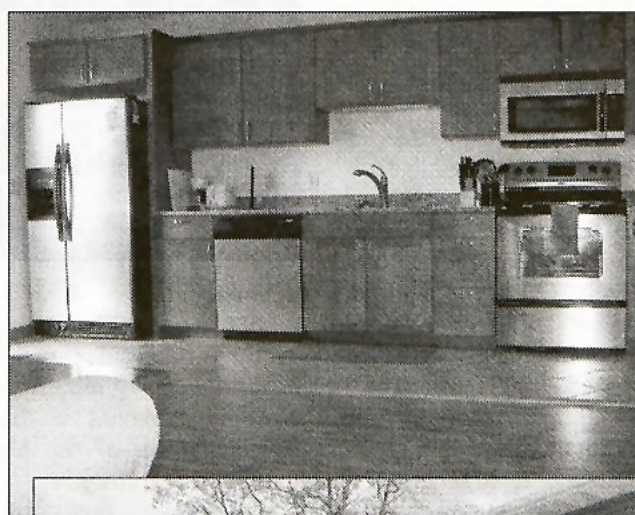
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Where one story ends, another begins...

Alyssa Pederson
Winonan

This is my last Winonan byline. It's still hard for me to believe that I am graduating in less than a month, and I will no longer be affiliated with the Winonan.

With that being said, I'd like to start out by tipping my hat off to my editor-in-chief, Ali Carlson.

Ali truly went above and beyond this year, and she really took this paper to a whole new level.

In case you haven't noticed already, this year was probably the best the Winonan has ever looked, and much of that can be credited to her hard work and passion for this publication.

Not only did she edit and oversee all of us section editors, but she also took killer sports photos, wrote articles and managed advertising, while also balancing a full load of classes.

I can assure you that the bar is set extremely high for the next person who will fill her



shoes.

But don't get me wrong, someone's got to take on the challenge, so don't be afraid to step up—(we're still looking for a new editor-in-chief).

I'd also like to thank my fellow editors, Nina and Amanda, and our copy editor, Jordon, for making Monday nights a pleasure.

The nights get long, and I think this year was a record for getting done before 4 a.m. each night.

Way to buckle down, ladies (and gentleman). I wish you three the best after graduation: Look out for the next Chelsea Lately (aka Nina Recently) and Amanda, hope that chocolate taste-tester job works out for you.

Next, I must give a huge shout out to my reporters. I've had some promising reporters this year that I know have only begun to dig into what makes a good journalist.

I rarely had no reporters show up to the budget meetings, and I rarely had stories fall through from any of them.

I hope all of you continue to search for stories that compel you, and I hope you are never discouraged from the journalism or writing field--

keep on writing and things will happen for you.

Lastly, I'd like to thank both the loyal and sporadic readers of the Winonan. Though we may not be a prestigious publication, I hope at least one story intrigued you, made you laugh or urged you to read on.

Hopefully next year's editors and reporters will keep good copy coming your way.

Well, it's been real, people, and as surprising as it may seem, I am going to miss Monday nights, doing layout and editing stories.

In general, I'm going to miss Winona State University. I'm currently in the final stages of solidifying a new full-time job to start after graduation.

I've also landed a few freelance opportunities around the area.

I'm also newly engaged to the most selfless, amazing person in the world, Stuart Britson.

So now that I have my Mondays free, I will most likely be planning my wedding for next summer--crazy thought, I know. I'm still getting used to the idea too.

But I wouldn't change it for the world, and I can't wait to be Mrs. Alyssa Britson.

Clearly, my life has just

begun, even though my time at the Winonan and Winona State is coming to a close.

I have learned so much from working here, at the Winona Daily News and Winona360. One thing is for sure: Writing is a journey.

I've written poetry, fiction, non-fiction, hard news, soft news, sports stories and essays.

Every single person I have interviewed has taught me something about life and about myself.

Being a journalist is a pretty rewarding job if you think about it: I get paid to hear and tell people's stories.

Although I don't have much cash in my pocket to show for it, I think I'm going to be happier in the long run because I'm doing what I love.

Studying journalism and English creative writing in college was sometimes scary, and I still don't know where I'll end up.

All I know is that if I can keep writing and pleasing at least one reader, somewhere, anywhere, I'm going to keep doing it.

So if you're going to miss me THAT much, keep looking out for my byline in magazines and newspapers.

I've just begun making my mark in the writing world, and I hope to also keep editing somewhere along the way.

You can even keep an eye out for my name on the spine of a book someday. Will I ever get there?--I don't know, but at the very least, I want to write a children's book.

It's my dream to see my name on the shelves of Barnes and Noble.

Whatever happens, I just hope happiness follows me everywhere.

There are still so many things I have yet to learn, but I hope I've made the features section of this publication enjoyable for you all.

I wish the best of luck to my intern, Molly Barrett, who will be taking over the section next fall.

Years in the future, I hope to come back to this place and still see this newspaper sitting in the bins throughout campus.

This won't be the last time you'll hear from me, but it is the last time you will hear from me as a Winonan staffer.

So farewell and read on.

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Accounts from Academicians: Future Editors Edition

Have an idea for a fun question of the week? Email Ali at winonan@winona.edu

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An academic; intellectual

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If your house was on fire, what three things would you try to save?



"My box full of pictures, my journal, and my bow collection I've spent five years making."

Molly Barrett
Features Editor
Prior Lake, Minn.



"My computer, my Sigma badge and my authentic cheese head."

Katie Phernetton
Sports Editor
Green Bay, Wis.



"My laptop, iPod and my running shoes."

Marcie Ratliff
News Editor
St. Cloud, Minn.



"My tennis racket, iPod and Kindle."

Jo Harren
Copy Editor
St. Michael, Minn.

World Expo exhibits diversity at Winona State

Marcie Ratliff
Winonan

On Monday, April 11, sounds of children talking, music and laughter filled the East Hall of Kryzsko Commons.

A carnival-like atmosphere pervaded the dimly lit room as students from Riverway Learning Community and other schools conversed with teachers and Winona State University international students.

Peter Chiira, a Winona State student from Kenya, interacted with kids at his exhibit at the World Expo. He told them about Kenya's big five game animals, the lion, simba, and water buffalo, hyati, being the top two. He helped the kids find Kenya on their maps.

Kenya's flag has four colors on it: black, white, green and red.

Black represents the indigenous Kenyan people. White stands for peace. Green symbolizes the rich land of Kenya, and red reminds Kenyans of the blood shed in the fight for independence.

Chiira said he likes to tell kids about Kenya's climate. "I find in Africa it's summertime all throughout."

He said it's also hard to find animals in America that kids can relate to those of Kenya. "If they are here they are in the zoo. And some of them can't even survive the cold weather," he said.

Chiira also likes to point out the tribal diversity within Kenya. Kenya has 42 tribes, all of which speak a different tribal tongue.

"If they were to line up, they can't even understand each other, but that's why we have Swahili. We use Swahili to communicate," Chiira said.

Swahili unites the people of Kenya with one language the tribes can share between themselves. "Hakuna matata is Swahili," Chiira said, smiling.

Winona State students in ethnic costumes taught children

how to say hello in Vietnamese: xin chào.

Young and old were delighted by the sounds and smells and sights of many lands. Flags decorated the hall, with each country represented.

In East Hall itself, a stage was set up and a number of traditional dances were performed, from African to Nepali to Korean. Brightly colored costumes glimmered in the soft light.

In the center of the Hall, children could try Mexican tortilla pinwheels, tea, kasutera cake, and Vietnamese sweet and sour spring rolls.

Jay Skranka, director of International Services at Winona State, said that the World Expo concept has been going on in the Southeastern Minnesota area for the past 17-20 years, but this is the first time the event has taken place at Winona State.

"It's an event mainly for the community, to stimulate global awareness," Skranka said.

The World Expo event, which featured over many different countries and was run by Winona State's 300 international students, ran from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Skranka said he expected mainly school groups in the morning, and more college students later in the day.

Students from Winona State had exhibits for their specific countries, including Brazil, Hong Kong, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Japan, Malaysia, Ukraine, Korea, Kenya and Taiwan.

Winona State Study Abroad had a booth, as did the English Language Center's conversation groups program for English language learners. Winona State students can sign up to be conversation partners and learn about other cultures with an international student.

Several game stations were set up where children from the community could learn dances, play games from different countries, and do other

multicultural activities as they interacted with Winona State students.

The meeting rooms at the far end of East Hall held more exhibits that went into more depth about specific issues, like health care and education.

Furnath Arnob, a senior at Winona State, presented in a booth comparing the health care systems of Kenya, Russia, Bangladesh and Greece.

Arnob, himself from Bangladesh, said, "By comparing, people can understand what is unique about each system, and they can break it down."

Anna Myburgh, a petite woman presenting on Russia, chimed in. She said, "Comparing health care systems raises appreciation for the health care in the United States."

"For example look at Russia," Myburgh said. "There are four doctors per 1,000 people." She also mentioned the high number of deaths caused by alcohol abuse and the rampant bribery that goes on in the health care system in Russia.

"We are working on changing the system so that the system can take care of the people. America is a great example of how people can be taken care of," Myburgh said.

Though not without its own problems, the United States has a better health care system than most countries, Myburgh said.

Nikolaos Vasmatzis, presenting on Greece, said that Greece needs to improve the quality of its public health system and reduce extraneous expenses.

One good thing, he said, is Greece's "health center" system, where a patient goes to a small clinic for examination first, to determine if he or she needs specialized care.

"Greece has a good health care system overall," Vasmatzis said. In the midst of Greece's economic woes, Vasmatzis said its health care was "one good



Anna Barrett/Winonan

A dragon costume entertained guests at the World Expo.

thing."

Back in East Hall, a smattering of applause followed a Nepali dance. Eager faces turned elsewhere to take in colorful booths, and eager fingers reached out to touch a Korean shoe, an African travel brochure.

Skranka, greeting school groups at the door, was pleased. "These are touch points," Skranka said. "Each time, we're exposed to differences, and we

get the chance to expand our global mindset."

Even in a smaller town like Winona, global awareness is integral to community, Skranka said. "By doing events like this one, we increase that awareness. It's incremental, but cumulative, and we can slowly make a difference."

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Hannah's FINAL Thoughts at Random: How to make it through your freshman year

Hannah Jones
Winonan

Ladies, gentlemen, collegiate colleagues, I write today with bittersweet sentimentality.

This column marks my last for this year. Before you start ripping off sections of your paper and stuffing them into your mouth, rest assured that I will be back in the fall, and I will have plenty to say by that point.

I just find some significance in writing the cap on my first year working for the Winonan, my first year at college, my first year spent on my own.

And what a year it has been. I barely even know where to begin.

It's difficult even to recall the beginning of the school year, like the garbled mania of a fever dream.

True to most fevers, it was very hot and uncomfortable and I kept asking myself whether or not that man in a Spartan helmet trying to get me to yell and clap like a lunatic was real. (Turns out he was, and his name was "Wazoo," as in "Up the".)

My memory of orientation, however blurry, is nostalgic. Picture if you will a bright-eyed, eager young lady just wondering what kind of friends she'll make and marveling at the endless scope of her social horizon. Well, I was the sweaty bundle of nerves sitting next to that chick.

I can honestly say with my first year of college near completion, I am not the same person I was when I started.

For one thing, I am no longer a sweaty bundle of nerves. That is, outside of occasional indulgences in caffeinated beverages, like my favorite blend of five varieties of cappuccino. (Mm, "English Toffee/French Vanilla/Mint Chocolate/White

Chocolate Caramel/Chai". The Multiccino. Goes down like a dream.)

For another, I have found a place in a fantastic newspaper in which I take daily pride and pleasure.

I'd like to thank the Winonan, its wonderful staff, and its loyal readers for the experience and enjoyment they have given me. Part of who I have become is due to you all.

If I am not a different person, I am at least the same person with a vast store of new knowledge from my year as a freshman.

The list is extensive, but I'd like to share the highlights of what I have learned. Consider it a final report of sorts. Pencils at the ready: you may begin. I have learned...

1. Wazoo is real.
2. How to hoist myself into a loft bed.
3. How to sleep in a loft bed.
4. How not to fall out of a loft bed while I am sleeping in it.
5. Trains are loud.
6. How to live in the same room with another girl my age.
7. Always knock.
8. Treadmills are for running forwards, and only forwards. Not backward. Not sideways. Do not try to disprove this.
9. It's okay to mix cereals, coffee drinks and pops. Generally not with each other, though.
10. The people here are friendly, but will probably accidentally kill you with their car.
11. Get it done as soon as you can.
12. If you don't get it done right away, don't freak out.
13. If you freak out, don't add caffeine to the mix.
14. If you add caffeine to the mix, make it the legendary Multiccino.
15. You're doing it wrong.
16. How to declare a major.

17. How to freak out while planning classes for your major.

18. You're still doing it wrong.

19. How to donate blood.

20. My blood type is O+.

21. Walmart is a magical place.

22. There is such a thing as too many goldfish.

23. How to miss your family and friends.

24. How to use Skype.

25. How to keep up written correspondence.

26. Yoga.

27. Peanut butter should be a food group.

28. Everyone is in the same boat at the end of the day.

29. You will always be doing it wrong.

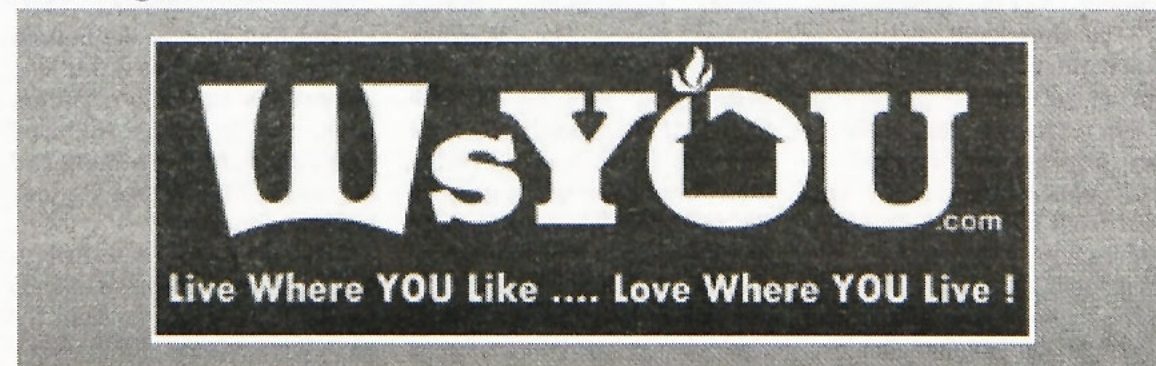
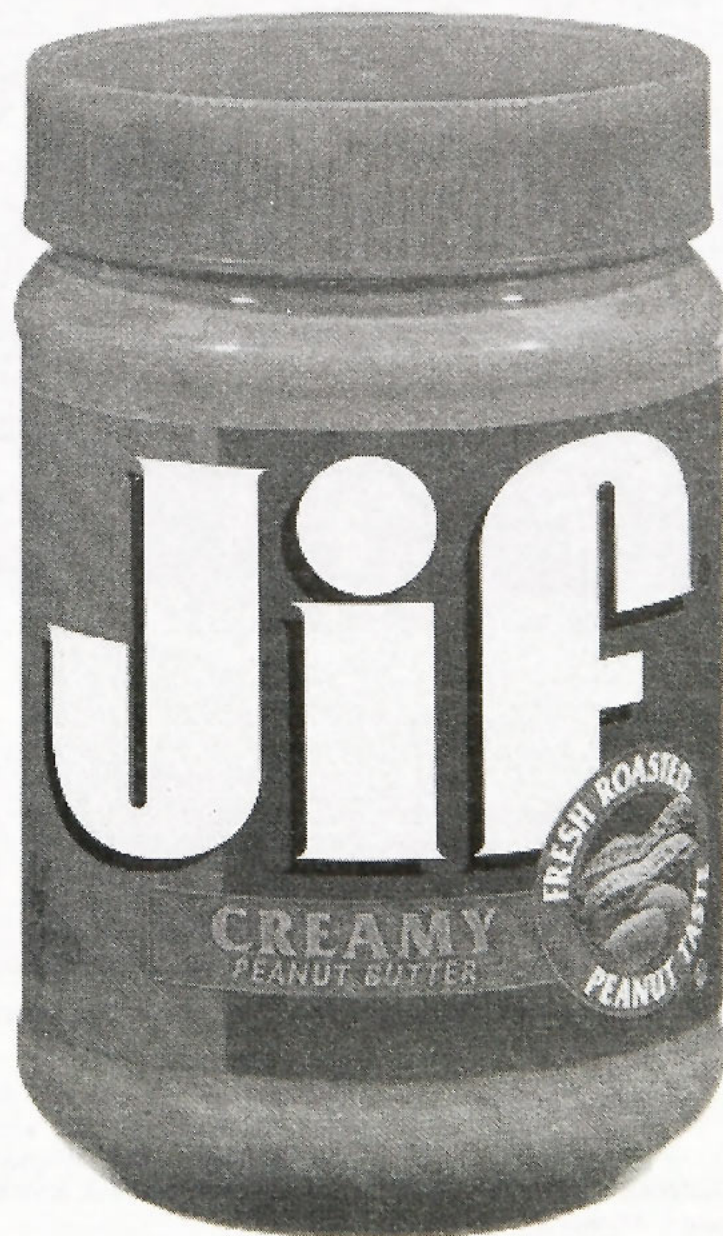
30. How good it is to be here.

That's quite a lot, now that I'm looking at it, and that doesn't even include all that junk I did at class.

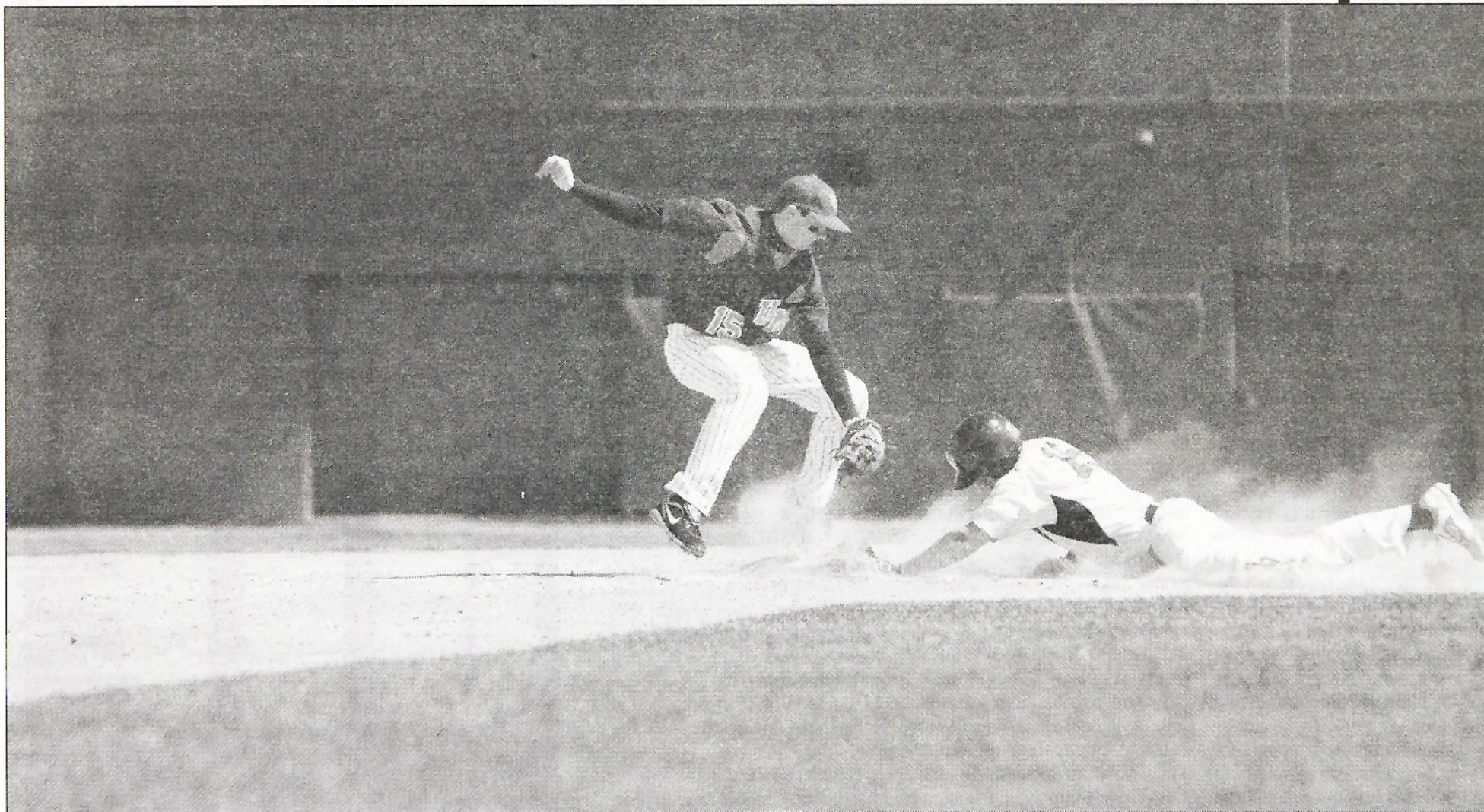
I guess I'll have to get to that later. In the meantime, so long, everyone.

I look forward to returning and writing again next year. After all, this is far from the end of this list. We have only just begun.

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Warrior baseball enters NCBWA Top 25



Ali Carlson/Winonan

Derek Wojcik slides into second in a game earlier this season.

Ali Carlson
Winonan

Entering into the game against Minnesota Duluth on Tuesday, the Winona State University Warrior baseball team entered the NCBWA Top 25, moving itself into position number 13 of the national poll.

"The thirteenth position in the national pole is exciting, but at the end of the day, it doesn't change our goals or put any more pressure on us," John Wenker said. "Our goal from the start is to win a conference championship, and then focus on what we can do in the regional tournament, and rankings don't change that."

Hosting Minnesota

Duluth on Tuesday, the No. 13 Warriors split with the Bulldogs. The Warriors claimed game one, 7-3, prior to falling 17-7.

The Warriors took the lead early in the first game as Seth McMullen and Tony Mueller recorded an RBI double and triple, respectively, during inning three. The Warriors added its lead in the fourth, getting four runs on back-to-back RBI hits recorded by Kyle Sill and Jamie Soyk. Scoring their seventh run of the game in the fifth, the Warriors claimed the win against the Bulldogs.

Allowing three runs on eight hits and striking out four, Aaron Hoverson pitched five innings for the Warriors. Also throwing

from the mound, Mike Wasilik struck out four in two innings as relief pitcher.

Game two played out a little different for the Warriors. With a combined 24 runs off of 34 hits from both teams, the Warriors were still not able to pull out the win, falling 17-7. Trailing 5-2, Winona State scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 6-5 lead against the Bulldogs. Battling back, the Bulldogs followed with four runs in the fourth and five in the fifth to take the lead and game two.

"The game we lost to Duluth was just one of those games where nothing can go right for us," Wenker said. "We didn't match their intensity and as a

result, we got pounded. Game one against Augustana was different; we played hard but just couldn't find that one hit to break the game open and get us going."

Leading the Warriors, Jared Anderson recorded three hits and two RBIs. Kley, McMullen and Mueller also had two hits each.

Taking another split last week, the Warriors dropped the opening game 3-1 against Augustana College in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference doubleheader but rebounded to end day one with a 7-5 win.

Only recording two hits from Kyle Sill and John Magee, the Warriors were not able to gain

enough momentum to earn the win. The only run came from Adam Gemuenden after being brought in off the hit by Sill.

Pitching for the Warriors, Kodey Simon, allowed two earned runs and struck out four against the Bulldogs.

The second game showed a different side to the story for the Warriors offensive side. Winona State regrouped from the Bulldogs 5-2 lead after three innings. The Warriors recorded four runs in the top of the fourth to claim the lead for the rest of the game. Nate Van Roekel had two RBIs while Gemuenden had three hits. Mueller,

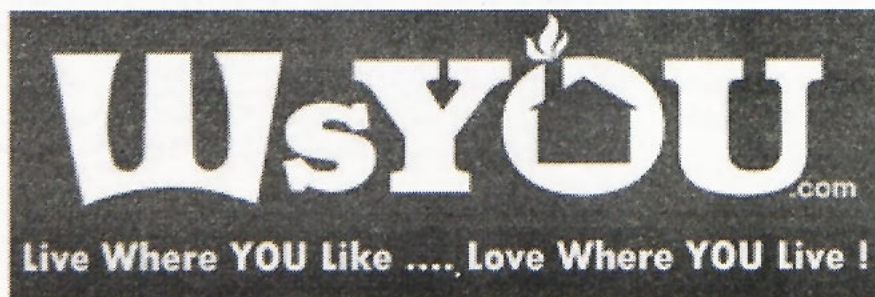
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Busy week for Warrior softball, ending 5-1



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Kathy Crudo steps up to the plate while the Warriors played earlier this season.



Matt Shalbrack
Winonan

Within the last week, the Warrior softball team has been very busy, playing three doubleheaders and going a combined 5-1 in those games.

First up for the Warriors was St. Cloud State University, which was a 'tale of two' different games for the Warriors as they had a come-from-behind victory in game one, winning 3-2, and then the offense came alive in game two, powering them to a 14-2 victory.

In game one, the Warriors were trailing 2-0 until Molly Link started to heat up at the plate, getting the Warriors on the board and then in the seventh inning Link connected on a two-run blast sealing the victory for the Warriors.

Game two was a different story, as Kathy Crudo hit a grand slam in the first inning and the team never looked back.

Leading the way for the Warriors in game two was Mollie Bjelland, who went 3-3 and had two RBIs. Bjelland also reached a milestone this game, reaching 204 career hits. She is the tenth player in Winona State history to reach 200 hits. Bjelland is the only player in school history with 200 hits, 150 runs, 45 doubles, 10 triples, 35 home runs and 165 RBI in her career.

The next doubleheader, against Concordia St. Paul was a little bit tougher for the Warriors, as their 13 game winning streak came to an end after splitting the series with Concordia.

The Warriors came back in the second inning of the first game on a RBI single by Dallas Schmacker and Brooke Piotrowski eventually scored on a wild pitch. That was the last lead the Warriors had, as Concordia dominated the rest of the game.

In the second game however,

the Warriors stopped the offense of Concordia, winning in shutout fashion 7-0.

Pitcher Stacey Struzynski threw a complete game shutout, giving up six hits while striking out eight.

Offensively for the Warriors, Bjelland and Crudo both had big games as they each had two hits and drove in two RBIs.

In the third doubleheader this past week, Warrior pitcher Courtney Strang and Struzynski dominated as they allowed a combined six hits as the Warriors shut out Southwest Minnesota State University.

Strang pitched a complete game giving up four hits while striking out six in game one of the doubleheader. Strang is now 14-2 on the season.

Bjelland and Crudo came up big again in this game, knocking all four of the Warriors runs. Bjelland had two doubles to go with a pair of RBIs and Crudo had a hit and two RBIs.

As a team, the Warriors had 15 hits in game two, winning the game 9-0. Link went yard, hitting her eighth homerun of the season and driving in five RBIs. Struzynski pitched six innings.

The Warriors are now 27-4 on the season and 11-1 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Up next for the Warriors are doubleheaders Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Due to a hectic schedule on the road, coaches and players were unavailable for contact this week.

Get updates on the Warrior softball team on Winona State's athletic website, winonastatewarriors.com.

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Track and Field finishes second in tournament

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April 15 was a cold day for anyone, and especially chilly for anyone trying to run at the Phil Esten Challenge in La Crosse.

The Winona State University Warriors still managed to put on a good show and finish in second place out of eight teams.

The event was between the Warriors and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; UW-Oshkosh hung on to win by just thirteen points. The next closest team, UW-La Crosse, was more than 60 points behind Winona State.

Krystle Lonning said,

"Although the weather this past weekend for the Esten Challenge was not ideal, it was another strong meet for us. We had a lot of strong performances on the track and in the field events; there were some lifetime personal records and seasonal personal bests."

In the 100-meter dash, the Warriors had three of the top four finishers, Caitlin Dhein, a junior sprinter, came in first place with a time of 12.08. Sarah and Tina Finley, both who are sophomore Warriors, came in third and fourth places.

S. Finley had the best finish in the 200-meter dash for Winona State, she came in fourth place overall with a time

of 26.08.

In the 400-meter dash, Brittany Rynda took first place for the Warriors with a time of 59.44. She was the only person to finish in less than 60 seconds at the meet.

Senior, Kelsey Stensland came in sixth place overall in the 800-meter run, she netted the Warriors three points for that finish. Anna Blaske came in sixth place also; her event was the 100-meter hurdles.

Kayla Gundmundson, took on the task of the 3000-meter steeplechase, and finished in fifth place overall, and was the top Warrior finisher.

In the 4x100-meter relay S. Finley, Nicole Drangstveit,

Abby Albers, and Dhein finished in first place, grabbing 10 points for the Warriors. Their time was 48.19, a full second ahead of any other team.

In the long jump the Warriors took the top four spots. Michelle Dunnington took first, and she was followed by Melissa Femrite, Alicia Alverson, and Albers. Three of the points spots in the triple jump and high jump were also taken by Winona State.

The Winona State discus throwers also took three points spots at the meet, Mary Theisen came in third place with a throw of 47.16m.

Jenny Schuler lead the way in the hammer throw for the

Warriors, coming in fourth place with a throw of 50.40m.

Lonning had the best throw in the javelin, with a throw of 38.45m, she brought in 10 points for the Warriors.

Lonning also said, "We are hoping to continue improving our times, jumps, and marks for the rest of the season. We are very excited to have a home meet on Friday and hope to have some beautiful weather."

The meet that Lonning mentioned is the Easter Invitational, April 22 in Winona, Minn.

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Men's golf team places ninth, following tradition

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The Warrior men's golf team placed ninth this past weekend at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championships at The Jewel Golf Club in Lake City, Minn.

Continuing the tradition of finishing ninth the week before in Iowa, the talent shined on the team this week as well.

The team totaled up 1,576 points with standouts, freshman Tyler Schmude scoring 391 in five rounds and junior Eric

Christensen scoring 79, 80, and 81 in three rounds.

This particular conference championship actually began in October with two rounds played and finished this week with three.

"I'm pleased with how I've played last weekend, however there's always room for improvement," Schmude said. "Our team keeps getting better each week. I would look out for Christensen because he won the shooting tournament last weekend shooting 76-72. I finished in the top 10 shooting

75-79. We are all excited for our invite and competing next Fall."

The NSIC conference has tough competition for the Warriors. The Minnesota State Mankato Mavericks have won the past three league championships. Wayne State, St. Cloud State, Upper Iowa and Concordia-St. Paul command the top five spots in the conference. Winona State University stands eighth in the conference.

The golf season is shaping up to be a memorable one for

the Warriors. Especially for Schmude and Christensen.

They have consistently scored in the top spots for the school for the Fall and Spring seasons.

The entire team is filled with talent. The scores for the entire year fall between 74-96, which is very impressive for a college men's team. Sophomore James Krantz has a 76.6 stroke average and has his best finish at T1.

The team has played two tournaments so far this spring season. The final tournament,

the Winona State Spring Classic, hosted by the Warriors this weekend at Cedar Creek Gold Club in Onalaska, Wis. will challenge the men but also prove them to be the competitive team they are.

With such great teams in the conference, the Warriors will need to step up their already superior talent to finish higher up in the conference ranks.

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Sill and Jonathan Nelson each recorded a pair of hits for the game book.

Day two of the series, the Warriors swept the Bulldogs. With a strong force behind Mueller, he allowed three runs and striking out seven in the 5-3 win of game one. Behind game two, the Warriors earned an 11-9 victory.

Behind the force for the Warriors, Gemunden had a pair of hits and a RBI in the game one win along with an RBI from each Anderson and

Magee.

Winona State Warriors fired back at the plate recording 14 hits in the second game as Derek Wojcik going 2-for-4 and recording three RBIs in the game. Eight of the Warriors recorded hits in the game with six of them recording multiple hits against the Bulldogs.

"In order to close out the rest of the season on a high note, we need to make sure our pitching and defense continue to perform at a high level." Wenker said. "As the season

moves on, guys are seeing more and more pitching, and therefore the hitting across the league is getting better. We take a lot of pride in how we play defensively, and that will be the key to the end of the season."

The Warriors are currently 23-8 overall with a 17-3 record in the NSIC. They will play at 1:30 p.m., April 20 against Concordia St. Paul at Loughrey Field.

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2011-2012 school year.

Just when talking sports was starting to get easier...

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After nearly two years of working at the Winonan, the time has come for me to move on, and the end of my reign as sports editor is bittersweet.

Unfortunately, it seems it isn't often that many people can honestly say that they love their job, but the truth is, even though there have been countless Mondays filled

with complaints, this is a job I enjoyed, and a job I will always hold dear to my heart.

I've been fairly honest about my general lack of sports knowledge, some of you may remember my greeting article from the beginning of the semester, but one thing I have not shared is that, I, too, have an athletic past, with stories of my own.

Around age five, I decided to play soccer. All the cool kids were doing it. I found my best place was to be the goalie. It was a few short weeks later that I decided to be a hero and dive a little too deep, which resulted in a sprained knee. As you can imagine, I was out for the rest of the Red Team's season.

Next, I ventured on to softball, picked dandelions in

the outfield, and eventually found myself exerting some effort, and getting clocked in the eye. It hurt. It turned black and blue. Needless to say, I won't be the next Jennie Fitch.

After deciding to go in a different direction, I took a chance on gymnastics. It was only a matter of time before I fell off backwards off the vault, and sprained my wrist. I don't think I made it to a single meet, meaning my gymnastics career was short lived.

So, it's true. My athletic qualities are inferior compared to some of my other strengths. I'll never score a homerun or win a medal, but my mishaps that left me bruised and semi-broken for the majority of my childhood, left me with the utmost respect for athletes.

Watching the teams at Winona State University has been a joy, and I have these teams to thank for teaching me everything I know about sports. I felt myself fill with pride everytime I read about a victory for any of our teams or individual athletes.

I would also like to take the time to say 'thank you' to those who have made my experience here at the Winonan the most enjoyable.

Alyx Minor, who recruited me, taught me AP Style and convinced me that sports was not too much of a stretch for someone with little experience.

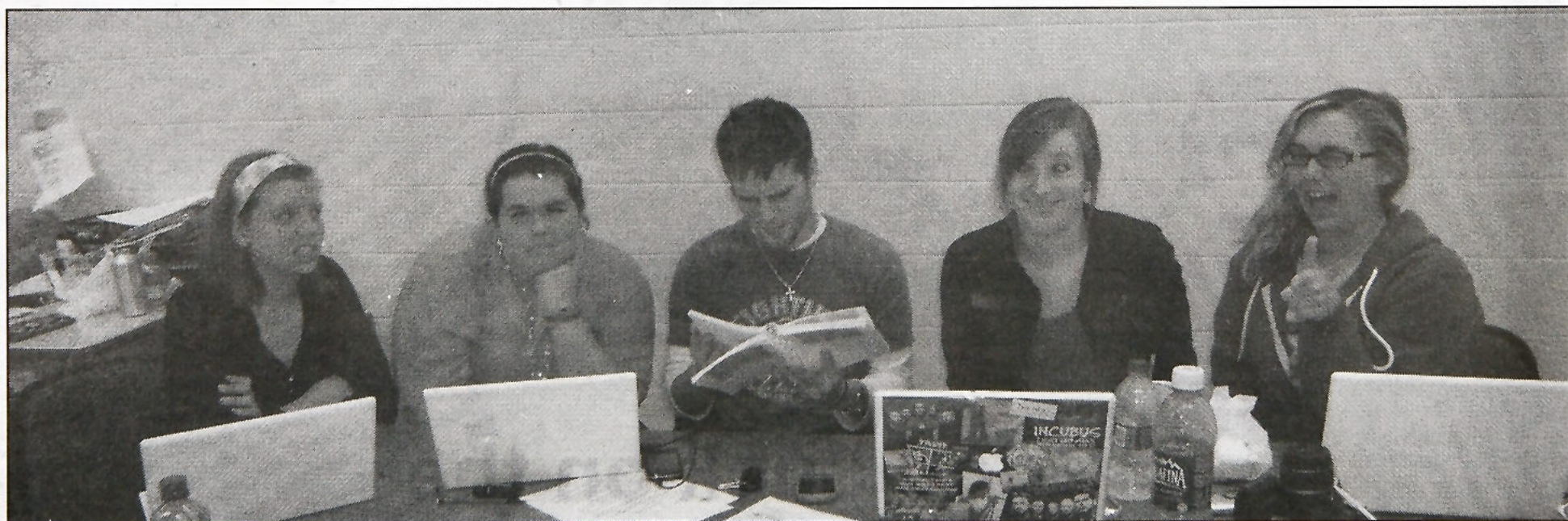
My reporters, who have been some of the most dependable staff that I have seen come through this paper among all of the editors. There was never a week where I was left

scrambling with nothing to fill my pages. For that I am so grateful.

Lastly, I want to thank this year's Editor-In-Chief Ali Carlson, who lives and breathes for sports, and has dedicated so much of her life to this paper.

She is such a wonderful addition to the community, and our sports teams have been lucky to have her at endless games, taking pictures and doing interviews- and I'm extremely lucky to call her my friend.

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to the Winona State
athletes and coaches.**

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